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The recent papal encyclical, *Pacem in terris,* is an attempt to stimulate those finer instincts in man which e for peace. The Pope's problem is thus the problem of right thinking men: what shall we do with the un- among us? Accordingly, Pope John, from the bottom is compassionate heart, put forward a series of proposals h would commend themselves to all right thinking men l men were right thinking men. But then of course the ble remains which caused the troubles to begin with, ely, that the leaders of the world are not all right think- men. John Kennedy is a right thinking man, no doubt it it, whatever his shortcomings as a strategist, or as a cian. But others are not. *E.g.*, Khrushchev, who, for hat we may comfort ourselves that some day his con- ice might stir within him (in which case he would nptly be replaced), has yet to give any demonstration is susceptibility to moral reasoning.

r. Flanagan, who founded Boys Town, is often quoted tying that there is no such thing as a bad boy. One can erstand a center for the rehabilitation of delinquent lren being founded on such a proposition. But if one of Flanagan's boys had concocted a hydrogen bomb in the ratory of Boys Town, prudent men, at least those in the ter Omaha area, would quite reasonably have suggested w formal safeguards against the contingency of a flaw r. Flanagan's hopeful generality. In adult terms we call e safeguards armament—whose purpose is precisely to us peace on earth.

will be some while before any of us have fully absorbed encyclical. In the meantime it is sure to be seized upon olemical opportunists who will represent it as a charter a new and soft policy toward Communism. This will pen in part, to be sure, because the Pope failed at any t to distinguish between those who seek peace with ce and those who abominate justice. Moreover, in one age, his words appear to invite re-examination of a propo- n that serves today no less than in Lenin's time as a cing hypothesis for the most learned and effective de- ers of Christendom—namely, that the Communist move- t is an existential expression of totally false doctrine rding the nature of man and the universe. To have ted damaging exploitation of such lapses, or apparent es, by the enemies of Christendom, it is a pity the Pope not incorporate in his letter the warning he so wisely ded in 1959 that "the peace which the church prays for ot possibly be achieved if it is mistaken for a yielding elaxation of its firmness in opposition to the faith and logies and systems of life which are in open and irrecon- le opposition to Catholic teaching."

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THE WEEK

□ **CASTRO'S CUBA IS OUR FRIEND,** according to the neutrality laws the Administration uses as an excuse for stifling the Cuban exiles. These laws prohibit U.S. involvement in any way with groups that use armed force against "friendly" nations. "Friendly," in this context, for official use only, means "any nation with whom we are not actually at war." But Rep. Donald Bruce (R., Ind.) has a plan to put an end to this subterfuge. This week he'll introduce a resolution that could pave the way for a resumption of Cuban exile attacks against Castro—by the brilliantly simple tactic of declaring Castro's Cuba *not* a friendly nation.

□ **STEALTHILY, SO STEALTHILY** that it took the all-seeing *New York Times* several months to catch on, a constitutional amendment has been launched which would, if adopted, cancel the Supreme Court's Tennessee reapportionment decision and restore to the states the right to apportion their own legislative districts. This is "rural counter-revolution," howled the *Times,* a "states' rights" move "of dismaying dimensions." Noting that in less than three months' time ten states have approved the amendment, it sounded battle stations. It's time, said the *Times,* for "the forces of reason" to oppose such a "genuinely subversive proposition."

□ **SENEGAL CHARGES PORTUGUESE BOMBING,** says the front page story on April 10, quoting "usually reliable sources." The UN Security Council has investigated the outrage. One villager was shaken up. One mud hut was damaged.

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■ **THE DRAFT-GOLDWATER COMMITTEE** has already had its effect on national politics. Before the Committee was announced, political commentators were willing to observe that Rockefeller was slipping and that Goldwater had a chance, particularly with the strategy of going after the South and the Mountain States. But, when the Committee sprang up, all of a sudden Scotty Reston of the *New York Times* discovered that Rocky had as much chance of losing the GOP nomination as he had of "going broke," and similarly gifted prophets of the press discovered that Rocky was a shoo-in and Goldwater was, well, a nice guy. All of which pleases the Draft-Goldwater contingent as a sign of their impact. Rockefeller has kept quiet. He's a, well, nice guy.

■ **REVOLUTION, ANYONE?** President Kennedy's message to the Daughters of the American Revolution at their 72nd annual congress informed them that their ancestors fought for "equality and brotherhood," but that Revolution was incomplete because this country still fers from "poverty, illiteracy, and racial prejudi Meanwhile, Dean Clarence Manion addressed the DA National Defense Committee on the current revolu in Washington, attacking the Administration's eff towards disarmament and telling the plain truth that Pentagon officer is allowed to tell: "Any agreement tween this country and Soviet Russia for total or par disarmament will be a plan for the unilateral disar ment of the United States in the face of an enemy t continues to be armed to the teeth."

■ **RUSK MET DE GAULLE,** talked, ate, drank, posed for tures, and came home just as many a tourist comes h from Paris, empty-handed. The diplomats purr about fr

ON THE LEFT

A fortnight ago *On the Left* reported a Soviet-alleged conversation between Arthur Dean, former chief of the U.S. disarmament team at Geneva, and his Soviet counterpart, Semyon Tsarapkin, in which the U.S. settled for "2 or 3" yearly exploratory expeditions as a satisfactory basis for disarmament. "The fact that no such conversation took place," Mr. Dean troubles to write us, "has been officially denied. . . ." As we keep saying in these days of managed news, a denial is just as good as a confirmation.

The CPUSA is wondering (so a rumor goes), after easily winning associate membership or at least sympathy in certain integrationist groups and exacerbating racial tensions in general, why it's faring so poorly with the Negro-supremacist Black Muslims. Not for lack of effort.

A right-wing conspiracy marcheth, the AFL-CIO's leftist Committee on Political Education (COPE) informs its involuntary union audience, and "The Target is You!" What can trade unionists do to meet the Internal Threat (*i.e.*, right-to-work laws)? Work "with like-minded [that is, hard Left] organizations to overcome the onslaught from the Right."

Watch for a Kremlin-sponsored splash for the little woman, with worldwide ripples. Socialist doctrine cannot tolerate the continuation of woman's ancient, and reactionary, role as mother and homemaker; hence it emphasizes "emancipation" (entrousering) for women. Various psycho-political thrusts therefrom play on women's need for security and on their apolitical and familial instincts and turn them to revolutionary advantages, *e.g.*, Beware The Bomb (it will vaporize your home and baby, Baby). Not coincidentally, the annual Lysistrata drive reaches a climax just in time for a Rite of Sprin May 8 this year, according to *World Marxist Revi* The comrades plan another whingding for June, a "Pe Congress" for women, Mrs. Khrushchev presiding.

The *Worker* has devoted nearly a page of fury to Committee for the Monroe Doctrine (Capt. Eddie Rick backer, chairman), which it calls "the ultras' inv Cuba committee." The article "exposes" the Committ ancestry in detail, but it does not indicate that coun reactionary action is being contemplated.

The American Committee on Africa, a major U.S. veh of "sympathy for, and . . . active support to, the ema pation of Africa," and whose letterhead boasts an pressive bunch of celebrities, Liberals, radicals and bitual letterhead-signers, held its fifth annual "Af Freedom Day" in New York on April 16 at the C munity Church (more commune than church). About attended, including the UN ambassadors from Alge Trinidad, the UAR, India, Guinea, Ghana, the Con Sierra Leone and Togo. Shouting down non-violence a practical method to attain their ends, the assemb spent the evening declaring war on the white man. St for Peace literature was distributed. Attendance has b declining at these affairs—because, quotha, each year the less Africa to liberate.

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and cordial discussions, but the tangible result of Rusk's trip is, apparently, zero. And so President Kennedy is now considering a trip to Paris on his own to try for a better score than Rusk's against *Le Grand Charles*. It won't be easy, for de Gaulle may require, as evidence of Kennedy's right to lead the free world, that the U.S. get rid of Castro—if possible.

London Evening Standard

"You know, I'm beginning to feel this national sport's getting really cruel!"

■ **KHRUSHCHEV LOVES TITO.** Moscow loves Belgrade, and the May Day slogans this year included "Fraternal greetings to the working people of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, who are building socialism. Long live the eternal and indissoluble friendship of the Soviet and Yugoslav peoples." Well, long live any friendship that is, indeed, "eternal," such as conservatives' devotion to congressmen who oppose U.S. aid to such as Tito.

■ **THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE:** more discussions, more compromises, more promises, more broken promises, more incidents, more fighting, more cease-fires, followed by more discussions, more compromises, more. . . . And always less free Laos.

■ **JOHN DIEFENBAKER'S POLITICAL CAREER** may be nearing its end. His display of anti-Americanism frightened the party's financial backers and eliminated all Tory representation from such big cities as Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Many leading Conservative newspapers have demanded Diefenbaker's resignation as Tory leader.

■ **LEGALIZED PLUNDER** has delighted the ten ship engineers who worked aboard the old Grace Line vessels *Santa Rosa* and *Santa Paula* and were transferred in 1958 to two new ships of the same names. In 1961 the old ships were sold to a Greek concern. The union's agreement with Grace Line says, in part, "Whenever a company transfers a vessel to foreign registry it shall give severance pay to the regular licensed engineers assigned to such vessel. . . ." So, early in April, a New York Supreme

PEOPLE

Stephen Smith, JFK's brother-in-law, who is already hard at work on the '64 campaign, will be Kennedy's official campaign manager, but betting in Washington is that **Bobby** won't be able to keep out of it. . . . Southerners wondering just whom Dr. **Gallup** polls when he comes up with **Nelson Rockefeller** as Dixie's Republican favorite next year? A straw poll of Texas Republican county chairmen, for instance, shows a whopping 91.2% favoring **Goldwater** as candidate against 6.5% for Rocky. (Yes, **Caroline,** it's true what they say about Dixie and Barry). . . . Draft-Goldwater movement has upset carefully worked out Rockefeller timetable, precipitating announcement by New Jersey's Liberal Sen. **Clifford Case** that he's a Rocky-man; watch for other Liberal Republican senators to pledge their allegiance in next few weeks. . . .

Mexican Pres. **López Mateos** refused to view Berlin Wall on his state visit to West Germany for fear it might "tarnish" his neutralism. . . . Controversial Soviet poet **Yevtushenko** won't appear in Princeton after all; he's suffering from common Soviet illness, political unreliability. . . . Heading new French group opposing Pres. **de Gaulle's** proposed *force de frappe*, **Simone de Beauvoir** & Co. . . . German polls on who should succeed **Konrad Adenauer** still indecisive. **Ludwig Erhard** leads with 25% vote; **Willy Brandt** gets 12% but 50% of German voters say they don't know whom they'd like next. . . . Laotian Vice Premier **Prince Souphonnouvang** (the Communist coalition member) playing it cool: he has sent two sons to Moscow to school, one to Peiping, one to Sofia.

Ten U. of Pittsburgh scientists opposing honorary degree Pittsburgh is awarding to Dr. **Edward Teller**, H-bomb progenitor, because he has "behaved irresponsibly both as a scientist and as a government advisor," while the 2,500-member left-oriented Federation of American Scientists has demanded a review of Dr. **Robert Oppenheimer's** security clearance denial. . . . **Homer Jack** of SANE, in an address to Pascal Peace Marchers in front of UN, said it was the U.S., not the Soviet Union, that had violated "Jan. 1 deadline against all future tests voted by the United Nations in November." . . . Bad news: **Edmund Gullion,** U.S. Ambassador who helped plan **Tshombe's** downfall in Congo, probably will be assigned next to touchy South Vietnam. . . . **Walter Dowling**, a "hard" on Berlin question, so unceremoniously replaced as Ambassador to West Germany (by **George McGhee**) that he's quitting diplomatic service. . . . Rep. **Durward G. Hall** (R., Mo.) introducing legislation to put ceiling of 33.3% on U.S. contributions to all UN budgets and funds, a **Clay** report recommendation. Estimated saving to U.S. taxpayers in 1964: $50 million.

"Committee to Prevent Another Lesser of Two Evils Election" active in Florida. It's slogan? "Goldwater *sí*! Rockefeller, *nyet*!"

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Court Justice ruled that the engineers, who hadn't lost a day's work, must be granted their "severance pay," $200,000.

■ **MAKING LIKE LITTLE SIR ECHO,** Congressman August Johansen wired the President last week: "We must end the harassment, which this government has carried on, of liberty-loving anti-Castro forces in Cuba and in other lands. While we cannot violate international law, we must recognize that these exiles and rebels represent the real voice of Cuba, and should not be constantly handicapped by our Immigration and Justice Department Authorities." Signed, "Candidate Kennedy" (Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 15, 1960).

☐ FOCUS ON . . .

CUBA

The Kennedy Administration's treatment of Cuba and the Cuban exiles has contributed mightily to public disorder in the Caribbean, as witness the abortive conference in Costa Rica and the recent collapse of official relations with exile leader Miró Cardona. And Communism feeds on confusion. Moscow officially includes Cuba in the Soviet bloc and invites Castro to visit Moscow. Pro-Castro terrorists burn down a warehouse in Caracas and stage street battles with the police.

The situation has become such that even the staunchly leftist William Shannon, a columnist for the *New York Post,* has declared that Kennedy's restraint of the Cuban exiles amounts to clapping the prison doors shut on all Cubans. Public support for the policies advocated by the Committee for the Monroe Doctrine took a leap forward when columnist John Chamberlain declared himself a member of the Committee; William Henry Chamberlin, writing in the *Wall Street Journal,* said plainly that the presence of Soviet troops in Cuba is "a clear breach of the Monroe Doctrine." But the *New York Times* (in an editorial of April 11) calls Kennedy's policies toward Cuba "rightly prudent." The *Times,* having helped put Castro in office with its series of articles by Herbert Matthews, now is ridiculing anti-Communist efforts in Brazil. Indeed, Carlos Lacerda, Governor of the state of Guanabara, has accused the *Times* of giving help to the Communists in Brazil by sneering at his actions against the recently staged pro-Castro rally in his country.

Journalists and public speakers are openly asking whether Kennedy is "saving" a military action against Cuba until he can use it in the 1964 elections.

ROCKEFELLER'S TROUBLES

When Nelson Rockefeller forced L. Judson Morhouse, the New York State GOP Chairman, to resign amidst the scandal arising from the investigation of the State Liquor Authority, he didn't solve all his problems. Morhouse, an undistinguished machine politician, had become GOP Chairman almost by default, and by virtue of his early and enthusiastic support of Rockefeller he was kept on in his post. Now that he's gone, a movement has sprung up to elect Donald A. Campbell, a conservative State Assemblyman, as GOP Chairman. The Campbell campaign is led by Assemblyman Edwyn E. Mason, who has been among the most brilliant fighters in the Assembly against Rockefeller's fiscal schemes—the rapidly rising taxation levels, and the even more rapidly rising state expenditures.

Rockefeller, whose latest boner did not endear him to Liberal Republicans (he called Sen. Javits a Democrat), can't afford to exasperate the conservative upstate GOP by fighting against Campbell's candidacy. So it seems there's a good possibility that the New York GOP will acquire a sturdy conservative Chairman, which means the Party

Capital Bulletin

Dateline — *Washington*

Votes and Pork Barrels. That the House voted to give President Kennedy $450 million of the $500 million he sought—a vast public works slush fund with no congressional strings attached—came as less of a surprise than did the closeness of the tally. It is traditionally difficult to get legislators to vote against pork-barrel measures. And in this instance, the White House put on one of its most shameless squeeze plays—calling on local Democratic contributors and officials to arm-twist their congressmen and blatantly warning of cuts in patronage. Yet the final vote was a comparatively tight 228-to-184. The defection of 20 Republicans to the pork-barrel side in effect guaranteed passage of the measure. Some Democrats who opposed the $450 million appropriation jumped on the bandwagon, hoping to derive some political benefit if the bill was going to pass anyway.

o Notes on the Coercive State. The inroads made by the Kennedy Administration on constitutional government were made manifest by the President's reactions to the steel rise—and the industry's reaction to his reaction. In some quarters on Capitol Hill there was a greater sense of shock over this latest episode than over Mr. Kennedy's bludgeoning of U.S. Steel a year ago. "Jack Kennedy says it's all right for a private company to raise its prices," said one observer bitterly. "It used to require an act of Congress to impose price controls, but the steel industry acted as frightened as a boy caught with his hand in the cookie jar

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may not be in Rocky's pocket; it also means he'll face a greatly strengthened conservative opposition in the Assembly, next session.

□ IN THE BACKGROUND

TFX CONTROVERSY

Congressional investigators of the award of the TFX to Convair, in Texas, shouldn't overlook the Democratic campaign talk of 1960. The *Statesman*, a Democratic campaign publication of Tarrant County (Fort Worth), says in its October 1960 issue, front page, screamer headline, *GOP Shuns Convair*. The story continues: "The Strategic Air Command feels that the B-58 is absolutely necessary to the safety of America, but the Republican Administration has never been sold on this fact. Only last December, the Republicans were within a few minutes of canceling the B-58 contract and throwing 20,000 people on the street overnight. Only through the personal intervention of Lyndon Johnson, Jim Wright and Senate Democrats on the Preparedness Committee was the B-58 saved. . . . Many thoughtful citizens of this County are supporting the Democrats for this reason. . . . Every day more people are realizing that they cannot entrust the economy of Fort Worth or the safety of the nation to the California Republican." B-58 production ended a year later, under the Kennedy Administration.

INTERNATIONAL KIDNAPPING

French resistance leader Jacques Soustelle has informed his friends that the OSE (the office which recently engineered the kidnapping of Col. Antoine Argoud in Munich) has been ordered to liquidate him. "If you happen to hear that something of the kind has happened," Soustelle writes, "you can lay the blame where it belongs."

—just because it exercised its rights without getting Jack's permission first."

○ Rep. Oliver P. Bolton (R., O.) has strenuously protested statements in an Agriculture Department press release which gloss over Soviet agricultural failures. "Bad Weather in 1962 Cut Agricultural Production in USSR and Eastern Europe," the release was headed. The text "explained" the decline in Iron Curtain agricultural production by citing bad weather in the Soviet Union and most of the Captive Nations. This has always been the standard Communist excuse for failure on the farms. According to the Red Chinese, for example, mainland China hasn't had good weather since they took over in 1949. Mr. Bolton, who charitably characterizes the Agriculture Department release as "neither accurate nor helpful," has asked Secretary Orville Freeman to acquaint his underlings of the facts in order to prevent further whitewashing.

○ "Executive Privilege," alias Cover-up. Despite efforts by House Republicans, the Democratic leadership has been adamant in its refusal to permit any review of U.S. removal of its missile bases in Turkey and Italy. The Administration, moreover, does not care to discuss the influx into Morocco of Soviet technicians who are now setting up shop in former U.S. air bases. And General Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (and known at the Pentagon as "Kennedy's private general") refused to give a House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee any information about the Bay of Pigs disaster or the findings of a Presidential Study Board. Though Attorney General Robert Kennedy has been using selected items from these findings in his discussions with the properly deferential newsmen, General Taylor claimed "executive privilege" and added that though the subcommittee was meeting in secret session it "would be damaging to all parties concerned" if he unzippered the truth [See "At Home"].

◎ The Consumer Be Damned. Passage of the $875 million Mass Transportation Act of 1963 hands the Executive Branch another dollop of power—and may hurt commuters throughout the country. According to the terms of the Act, the Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency will be in charge of the program. He will have the right, according to Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.), "to cut off all HHFA funds to any area setting its local transit fares at a lower rate than he thinks they should be. The lack of local control over this Administrator is appalling and gives him almost dictatorial powers over any transit system contesting his judgment." By threatening to cut off all housing aid to a particular area, the Administrator can, in fact, arrogate to himself the fare-setting power now held by city and state public utility commissions.

◎ Panic at State. Indications that General de Gaulle may be softening in his opposition to a joint nuclear force under NATO might have, ironically, caused some consternation among some State Department planners. The idea for such a force was perhaps an improvisation for the Kennedy-Macmillan Nassau conference. Something was needed then to hide the fact that the White House was pulling the rug out from under the present government at 10 Downing Street. But even the improvisers realized that it was an unworkable alternative to Skybolt and they may have hoped that the British, the Germans, and the French would have sense enough to reject it. Maybe they were hopeful that its major effect would be to embarrass even further the British Conservatives. This would fit in perfectly with the Administration's addictive record of smiling sweetly on leftish governments and making life unpleasant for those of conservative bent. It may be that President de Gaulle's new "reasonableness" is somewhat malicious. QUINCY

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At Home

When John F. Kennedy campaigned for the Presidency, he was characteristically eloquent in his concern for the people's "right to know." If he were elected, he intimated, the nation's press and the American public would not be denied vital information about the functioning of their government.

Since taking office, however, Kennedy has reversed his field with a suddenness which, even for him, has been amazing. The reversal has created widespread popular mistrust of what the Kennedy regime has to say on current issues—a mistrust extending even to that usual redoubt of Liberal sentiment, the Washington press corps itself. Charges of "managed news" and suppression of information have in consequence flown thick and fast.

Responding to these criticisms, the New Frontier has thrown up two basic defenses: 1) That "management" of the news is nothing new, is indeed a venerable practice long cherished in American tradition; 2) That, anyway, such news management as has taken place has been necessitated by the requirements of national security, as in the "Cuban crisis."

Both efforts at extenuation fail. It is clear enough that all Administrations, and all people for that matter, are interested in projecting a favorable picture of themselves. But it is generally agreed that the Kennedy news managers have outdone all previous practitioners of the art. Writing last year in *Look* magazine, Fletcher Knebel noted that "the Washington press corps has taken almost as many lumps in 19 months of Kennedy rule as during the three previous Administrations put together." Hanson Baldwin observed in the *Atlantic* that, in at least a half-dozen cases, FBI agents have been used to investigate sources of news stories, adding that "Mr. Kennedy has called upon the FBI far more frequently in cases of this sort than any other President."

As for the "national security" argument, this is discredited simply by reviewing some of the acts of suppression for which the Kennedy regime has become justly famous. To examine a few of the most obvious:

A) When a government investigator assigned to look into the administration of foreign aid in Cambodia came up with an unfavorable report, he was fired. Subsequently, he was refused access to his own personnel records, which he alleged would prove he had been unfairly dismissed.

B) The Administration has pursued a systematic policy of censoring hostile references to Communism out of military and other official speeches. When a Senate committee tried to discover who was wielding the blue pencils, the Kennedy regime also suppressed *that* information.

C) Inter-office memos were issued by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, Presidential aide Lawrence O'Brien, and Commerce Department subaltern Herbert W. Klotz, advising recipients that news concerning the letting of contracts and the initiation of domestic projects should be handled so as to enhance the prestige of the Administration.

D) In September, 1961 Presidential aides O'Brien and Theodore Sorenson held a "briefing" for newsmen considered amenable to New Frontier persuasion, to convince the press Kennedy had scored earth-shaking "victories" in the first session of the 87th Congress. According to Willard Edwards of the *Chicago Tribune*, the reporters were instructed to treat this information spoon-fed from the White House as if it were their own "research." Reporters deemed unfriendly to the Administration were excluded from the meeting.

E) Immediately before the 1962 elections Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz announced that "over 4,500,000 more Americans have jobs than when this Administration took office in January of 1961"—a statement obviously beneficial to the New Frontier in the impending contest at the polls. After the election it was revealed Wirtz' assertion did not take into account the normal increase of jobs between January and October, thus exaggerating the number of "jobs created" by about three million.

F) For a full two years the Administration has refused to disclose the details of what happened in the disastrous invasion at Cuba's Bay of Pigs. An official report drawn up on this subject has yet to be released. The death of American pilots involved in the action has been reported piecemeal, from sources other than Administration officials. New Frontiersmen have tried to gloss over the fact that air support was planned for the invasion and then withheld at the crucial moment by Presidential order.

G) In last fall's "Cuban crisis" innumerable bits of misinformation were fed to the public—the most prominent being the insistence that no buildup was taking place. This assertion persisted even after the date on which, according to the Administration's own admission, it was known that intermediate-range missile bases had been installed in Cuba. After the crisis was officially supposed to have ended, the Administration floated a story that it had not come up with "hard" information about the buildup because Hurricane Ella prevented aerial surveillance between October 3 and October 14. Yet this particular storm did not assume hurricane proportions until October 15.

None of the items listed above has anything to do with the protection of the national security. Even in the last-cited, no security purpose is served by telling the American people *as fact* something the enemy himself knows to be untrue.

In short, the Kennedy Administration indeed seems to believe it has the right "to lie to save itself." But we are entitled to wonder whether, as alleged by New Frontiersman Arthur Sylvester, the purpose is to "save itself" from the Communists—or from the wrath of the American public.

M. Stanton Evans

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BONN **Socialist Schizophrenia**

The Social Democratic Party of West Germany finds itself in quite a dilemma in relation to the next general election in Britain. It sees evidence of growing strength in Britain's Labor Party and as a simple matter of socialist solidarity it would like to see Labor win. However, recent foreign policy statements by Labor chief Harold Wilson (on such matters as recognition of the Oder-Neisse Line and recognition of East Germany) advocate positions that West Germans, of whatever party, will never tolerate. The Social Democrats are also among the most vociferous advocates of Britain's entry into the Common Market and the British Labor Party is campaigning on an anti-Common Market platform. In short, on the practical issues of the campaign (NATO, maintenance of the Western Alliance, the Common Market) it is the Conservatives rather than the Laborites who reflect here the thinking of the German Social Democrats.

Abroad

MEXICO CITY **Polish Visitor**

Prime Minister Cyrankiewicz of Poland visited Mexico early last month to establish Poland's interest in closer cooperation with Mexico. The success of Cyrankiewicz' mission was demonstrated by President López Mateos' reciprocating visit to Warsaw earlier this month.

QUEBEC **A New OAS?**

Election excitement prevented publicizing of the activities of a new French separatist group called the *Front de Libération Québeçois* (FLQ). Embittered by the diminished discussion of an independent French Canada, separatists have turned to terrorism—destroying the Wolfe Monument commemorating British conquest of French Canada, bombing the National Revenue Building at Ottawa, damaging a rail line over which former Premier Diefenbaker's train was to pass, and bombing Montreal armories. Quebec authorities suggest *pieds noirs* may be behind the new group, pointing to the altered rhetoric (*libération*, not *séparatisme*), the number of Algerian immigrants now in Canada and the expertise of the saboteurs.

BENI ABBES, FRENCH SAHARA **Desert Ship**

After 2,500 years of speculation, scientists are finally mastering the physiological secrets of the camel's ability to do without water on long journeys—just at the time when specially treaded trucks and tractors are replacing camels as the ships of the desert. As a result of studies initiated in 1953 by two Swedish biologists, it has been shown that the camel, in performing his incredible feat of drinking thirty gallons of water in ten minutes, is in reality not taking on a reserve supply of liquid, but replacing what he has lost. Over a non-drinking period of weeks he gradually wrings water out of each bodily cell —though very slowly, sweating hardly at all, with hair and hump protecting him from the sun's rays, and excreting very little through the kidneys—until he has lost a fourth or more of his normal weight. But this dehydration, unlike human dehydration, does not lead to loss of appetite for dry food or the acidosis that soon causes human death.

RANGOON **To the Left, March!**

There is no further reason to doubt that General Ne Win's ousting of Aung Gyi early in February meant what it seemed to mean—a sharp turn toward the totalitarian Left. Burmese socialism, moderate in form under Aung Gyi's influence as under U Nu before him, is to be interpreted by U Ba Nyein, a Communist who has now become the military junta's chief braintruster. Already this year the export-import trade and the institutions involved in distributing rice (the main food), as well as the entire banking system, both domestic and foreign-owned, have been nationalized. Most of the civilian politicians are in jail, exile or house arrest. Measures are being taken against native and foreign businessmen and foreign investors. The junta aims to bring the big minorities (Karens, Kachins and the Thai peoples of the Shan states) under centralized control, but this may well prove beyond its power, and thus create an obstacle to the totalitarian development. In fact, the Thais, rather than submit unconditionally to Rangoon, may shift toward the perspective, lately put forward tentatively in Peiping, of a Thai Federation linking the peoples of the Shan states with their Thai cousins in northern Thailand, Laos, North Vietnam and China's Yunnan province.

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"Look here old chap . . . have the Russians got some sort of secret hold over you?"

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STEEL GIRDERS SHORED UP the political influences of the stock market, for after it became known that President Kennedy this time would tolerate some "selective" price rises in steel, buyers swarmed into the market to push already swollen prices toward a new high for the year.

The political influence on the economy seemed to be slipping and it was apparently what had been awaited by a broad segment of the stock market's customers.

When Wheeling Steel boldly announced that it planned to boost some of its prices by $6 a ton on the very anniversary day of Mr. Kennedy's temper tantrum—and by precisely the same amount that had been posted a year ago—the market paused in its frantic upward climb to await results. When it became known that the reaction was mild and that the President conceded some selective price rises in steel might be warranted, those who appraise the economy and the market concluded that business is in for a more benevolent attitude in Washington.

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There were two notable indications of this in addition to the steel price decision.

1) The long-awaited report on the stock market by the Securities and Exchange Commission made its appearance in a 12-pound compilation, but was judged by the anxious Wall Streeters to be, all things considered, mild.

2) It became clear that the Treasury is willing to compromise on the Administration's tax program with revelation that a hand-picked committee of distinguished business leaders, headed by Henry Ford II, will confer about tax rate reductions designed to be more acceptable to members of the House Ways and Means Committee who have blocked the President's tax bill.

Whether this signals a genuine change of heart on the part of the Administration or a realistic reaction to the knowledge that an election year is coming up hard over the horizon made little difference to investors, as, indeed, it made little difference to business executives.

It was normal, then, because of the apparent easing of the political vises on the economy, for the stock market to react with a show of strength.

Before the Wheeling Steel incident the market had licked its biggest problem of the year, the lack of volume. Since the start of the New York newspaper strike the thinness of trading had been bothersome. On some days the volume was down to little better than two million shares, and rarely over four million.

Many blamed the absence of newspapers with their market news and their daily stock quotations. Whether they were right or wrong, the reappearance of the newspapers seemed to coincide with a reawakening of market interest. In Easter Week the volume climbed back to six million and on Holy Thursday, historically an inactive day, held up to 5.3 million shares. That, of course, was the day that President Kennedy reached his decision about the steel industry's selective price boosts.

The steel industry now has proof, in red-ink figures, that it suffered at the hands of the President a year ago in his tempestuous imposition of price controls.

Even if, as might be expected, the bad features of last year's earnings were overemphasized by the steel companies as they filed their annual reports, the fact remains that most of them showed losses and reduced dividends. While other segments of American industry were announcing record earnings, the basic steel industry, regarded as so vital to the total economy, was reporting its losses.

COUPLED WITH THAT IS THE GLARING STATISTIC from the Labor Department: employment in the steel industry is off by 100,000.

Unemployment is one of the words that bring immediate results in the Administration. When unemployment sticks at about 5% of the total labor force, party strategists are worried, for unemployment cannot be an issue in an election year if an incumbent wishes to be successful in a bid for re-election.

Here, then, was the steel industry armed with two weapons: first, declining profits at a time when the rest of the economy is prospering, and second, a high layoff record at a time when the Administration is anxious to fill as many jobs as possible. It seemed highly unlikely that the President could afford a repetition of his reaction to price increases a year ago.

The airline industry is attracting investment attention these days after substantial rate adjustments. Specialists in airline stocks say that second-quarter earnings will reveal whether they are successful in their bid for more business by slashing fares and (in many cases) doing away with deluxe accommodations. Many lines have reported an increase in passenger traffic, but whether the increase will offset the reduction in fares and elimination of extra-charge services remains to be seen. Most analysts, though, predict greatly improved figures.

The long-awaited 1,600 mile pipeline to move oil from Houston to New York at the rate of 800,000 barrels daily may not be completed this fall as had been expected. Five labor groups have asked the Justice Department to investigate for anti-trust violation in an effort to protect jobs in the rail and water shipment of oil. Owned by nine major oil companies under the name of Colonial Pipeline, it is a 26-incher, the nation's biggest.

Auto companies, in the throes of revising their compact models in mid-season, are, in some instances, also revising their sales forecasts. It will probably turn out to be a record year, informed Detroit analysts say, and earlier predictions for individual companies will probably have to be revised.

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